

MINUTES OF THE SEVENTH MEETING OF SUBCOMMITTEE ON  
EXPLOITATION OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE PUBLICATIONS

24 July 1953

Present

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Members:

[REDACTED] CIA, Chairman  
Stanley Wilcox, State  
John Lacey, State  
Richard Bauer, Army (for H.J. Gordon, Jr.)  
Lt. Cdr. William Kruse, Navy  
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Consultants: Margaret Vallance, State

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Observers:

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1. Meeting convened at 1400 hours, 24 July 1953, in Room 2125 M Building.
2. Minutes of the Sixth Meeting were approved.
3. Continuation of examination of Part 2 of Agenda on USSR exploitation:
  - A. In reference to the subject and source priorities for exploitation, the following was disclosed:

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Navy: Subject priorities of interest are (1) Order of Battle, (2) Shipbuilding (Naval and Civil) and (3) Technical information of interest to the Department. Navy desires that FDD regularly exploit VODNYY TRANSPORT for this information, and provide translated Tables of Contents of irregularly received publications  
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CIA: Economic information is desired from the Central Press, Provincial Press and Technical Publications. No specific subject priorities available at this time. As for political information, specific subject of priority interest is instructions to Communist Party members, especially propagandists and agitators. Further general discussion of subject priorities and publication priorities led to a consensus of opinion that a review of publication titles needed would not be as useful to the Committee as a determination of subject categories in priorities. Members of the Committee thereupon agreed to resurvey their respective agencies to determine what subjects already covered to some degree that might thus

warrant a low priority. Section b. of agenda was therefore deferred for later consideration.

B. Regarding the type of exploitation needed from FDD, the following was determined:

State: Inasmuch as the Department receives too much raw material in the nature of a large mass of bits of unrelated information, State prefers that FDD provide compilations or collations of related information properly documented. The technique of reporting desired was that of "medium level" research and not "spot" reporting.


Army: Prefer a series of periodical compilations on Order of Battle information. In the category of information on Training, Tactics and general information would prefer brief abstracts of articles of interest to Army.

Navy: Desires abstracts of articles and monographic material meeting existing requirements, including an evaluation of level of thinking and value to meet said requirements.

CIA: Prefer straight "extract" reporting, rather than compilations or collations. FDD should provide complete bibliographic treatment of a selected list of periodicals. FDD would thus supplant MIRA (Monthly List of Russian Accessions of Library of Congress) for these purposes. Newspapers should be exploited only on a summary basis but "by-lines" exploited for biographic and topical information.

4. Agenda for the next meeting is a continuation of examination of Part 2 of the Agenda on USSR exploitation.

5. Meeting adjourned at 1530 hours, 24 July 1953. The next meeting will be held at 1400 hours, 7 August 1953 in Room 2125 M Building.



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